

Interstate Compact Procedures on the Placement of Children displaced by Hurricane Katrina

I. ICPC Purpose:

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is designed to ensure that children who cross state lines for adoption and placement in out-of-home care are placed with persons who are suitable, able to provide proper care, and provide a safe environment for the child. The ICPC, entered into by all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and Guam, and adopted as statute, establishes uniform legal and administrative procedures governing the interstate placement of children. The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC) has authority under ICPC to promulgate rules and regulations. Secretariat Services are provided by the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA).

Due to the magnitude of Hurricane Katrina, APHSA has already received requests to waive the ICPC process. States receiving requests to accept children from the disaster areas are to list the information below and forward a copy of the list to APHSA so that all interacting states are knowledgeable of the transfer.

II. The process APHSA developed is outlined below:

1. Child welfare agencies moving children from disaster areas across state lines to another child welfare agency must notify the child welfare directors in the sending state (i.e., the state from which the child came), the state that is responsible for the child (i.e., the state of the disaster area in which the child resided – in this case, Alabama, Louisiana, or Mississippi), and the receiving state. The sending state and the responsible state may be the same, but they may not be the same (e.g., the child was initially moved from Louisiana to Texas and Texas is sending the child to Wisconsin).
2. The sending child welfare agency must also notify the Compact Administrators in each of these states and create a list which includes the identifying information below for each child. This list should be sent to the ICPC Offices of the sending state, the receiving state, and APHSA.

The identifying information should include the child's:

1. Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Age
4. Race
5. SS# (if available)
6. Sending State
7. State Responsible for child
8. Receiving State
9. Parent's/Parents' name(s)
10. Child/Parent(s)' Address
11. Name and address of the contact person for the new placement in the receiving state.
12. Note/identify whether the child is in out-of-home care and, if so, in which State and County